

you, that in a private fashion you let that judge know that they maybe were dragging their feet a little bit and not any reason to make a big deal out of it or make it a public pronouncement but just to make sure that the judicial functions are carried out efficiently. It seems to me that it has worked and there is no reason to change at this point although the concerns that are expressed by those supporting this resolution are concerns I have had. From my experience and examination it hasn't been borne out to be a problem. With that, I will let Senator Von Minden speak.

PRESIDENT: Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, for four years I have been here now and I have not asked any of you ever to listen to me but I please wish you would now. I just want to say to you, what are judges afraid of and what are some of the attorneys here on the floor afraid of? All I am asking is judges to be brought under the same standard as you and I and everyone else. It appears to me that judges are afraid of something. Just this morning I called the Bar Association and wanted to know if they were going to discipline the judge up in my district and the Bar Association told me, no, we don't discipline judges once the Qualification Commission does it. Do you know what that spells out? Once you become a judge you are immune to any discipline from your own association you belong to. Coming up in May half of you people here will be up for election. Perhaps maybe the people out there think perhaps that you didn't do very well. Perhaps they might vote you out. Isn't that only fair with judges? Doggone it anyway, 16 years ago the people voted on this thing and they put it in there. Don't you think it is only fair that after 16 years we give it to the right of the people to vote on it once more? I just can't see anything wrong with that. I also want to go on record as...what I think of the Supreme Court judges now is much lower than it was before. Although I agree with Senator Chambers, I am glad he brought it up, but it is our expenses on salaries. Now you people know it is wrong, wrong, wrong what the Supreme Court did when they found a little technicality in there that goes against the intent of the bill that what everybody in the State of